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1.HAVING JUST LEARNED FROM THE EXCELLENT AND INFORMATIVE
REFTTEL THAT THREE PROMINENT AMERICAN AUTHORS - WILLIAM SAROYAN,
JOHN CHEEVER AND GORE VIDAL - PARTICIPATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL
WRITER'S CONFERENCE IN SOFIA,POST WONDERS WHETHER ANY WERE
APPROACHED FOR POSSIBLE VISIT TO EAST BERLIN EITHER BEFORE OR
AFTER IWC.

2. WITH CANCELLATION OF JAMES DICKEY, WE STILL AWAITING NAME-
AUTHOR TO HIGHLIGHT LITERARY SEMINAR AS PART OUR CULTURAL PLAN
FOR GDR. ANY OR ALL OF THE THREE WOULD HAVE BEEN RIGHT ON TARGET
IN BOTH MEETING OUR OBJECTIVES AND SATISFYING GDR WRITERS'
HUNGER FOR CONTACT.

3. GDR PRESS TODAY FEATURES EDITORIAL WITH FIRST PROMINENT
MENTION IWC, SINGLING OUT COMMENTS OF ANNA SEGHERS ("THE SEVENTH
CROSS") CONCERNING CLARITY IN LITERATURE TO SERVE AIMS OF WORLD
PEACE. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY SOFIA INFORMING US OF NAMES
OTHER GDR WRITERS AT IWC. POLANSKY

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